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New Items

SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY

- *The Long Utopia*
by Terry Pratchett
- *The Autobiography of James T. Kirk*
by James T. Kirk



- *Star Wars: Aftermath*
by Chuck Wendig

- *Sorcerer to the Crown*
by Zen Cho
- *Wake of Vultures*
by Lila Bowen
- *Shadows of Self*
by Brandon Sanderson
- *Koko the Mighty*
by Kieran Shea
- *Finches of Mars*
by Brian W. Aldiss
- *A Borrowed Man*
by Gene Wolfe
- *Skyborn*
by David Dalglish



- *Closer to the Heart*
by Mercedes Lackey
- *Six-Gun Snow White*
by Catherynne Valente

- *Saturn Run*
by John Sandford
- *Tower of Thorns*
by Juliet Mariller
- *Fool's Quest*
by Robin Hobb

Growing readers

Effort asks parents to read 1,000 books to youngest kids

Kindergarten shouldn't be the place where children begin learning how to read. That should happen at home so they are ready to succeed when school starts.

To help, the library is kicking off "Growing Readers - 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" in January, an effort to encourage parents

and caregivers to read aloud to children.

They can participate as soon as a child is born or they can begin when kindergarten is closer on the horizon.

Either way, the nationwide effort is meant to build successful readers and create a lifelong love of books and reading.

The Belt Branch will have a kick-off program at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, while the Savannah Branch event is set for 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28. Parents and children will listen to books, do fun activities and receive a program packet with reading logs, suggested reading lists and other information.

This ongoing program is open to all families with children ages birth to 5. Children will receive prizes when they read 100, 300, 500, 700, 900 and 1,000 books.

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LUCKY NUMBER

If your library card number is **22003000467975**, you've won a \$10 gift certificate to Books Revisited, the Friends of the Library store. Bring in your card to claim your prize by May 31. Bookstore hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, noon-3 p.m. Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

Rolling Hills Library

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9-6 Fri-Sat/1-5 Sun

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9-8 Tue, Thu/9-5 Sat/1-5 Sun

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The board meets at 6 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Friends of the Library

The Friends support the library through volunteer and fund-raising efforts. Meetings are set for January, April, July and October.

Rolling Hills Library Foundation

The Foundation strives to provide financial support for large endeavors and future growth of the library by seeking substantial gifts from patrons and supportive foundations.

Reading 1,000 books can happen quicker than parents realize

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“It’s a way to keep parents reading in a consistent manner to kids,” Savannah Branch manager **Sandra Keiffer** said about the new effort. “Kids need to develop pre-reading skills and the best way to do that is through practice.”

Reading to young children teaches them how to recognize letters and words and also how to sit still and listen in a school setting, Keiffer said. Research shows that the most reliable predictor of school success is being read to during early childhood.

Parents will keep track of how many books they read with a child, and books can be counted more than once. If a child wants to read her favorite book every night at bedtime, each reading can be counted. And so can books read at li-

brary Storytimes.

“Technically, you can finish the program in a year,” said **Sarah Seig**, youth services librarian at the Belt Branch. “If you are close to kindergarten, you can read 3 books a day” to reach the 1,000-book goal. Others may want to read one book a day and reach the goal in three years.

“Some people start it before their baby is born, and there’s nothing wrong with that,” Seig said. “But it’s more fun to read with them after they’re born.”

Special events will be held periodically to keep parents and children interested in the program and to encourage other families to start their reading journey to kindergarten.

For more information about the programs, call Keiffer at 324-4569 or Seig at 232-5479.

3 events mark final days of Discover Earth exhibit

Discover Earth: Our Changing Planet, a national touring exhibit that shows how Earth is changed by the weather and natural events, comes to a close Jan. 22 in the Belt Branch Upper Story – but not before it serves up three programs for children and families.

The animated movie “Bee Movie,” the story of a bee that wants more out of life than making honey, will be shown at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4.

Elementary school children and older will learn about ice by doing several fun experiments, including making frozen treats, at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14.

Then “Fern Gully,” an animated movie about magical creatures that band together to save their rain forest home, will be shown at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16.

No sign-up is needed for these programs.

Discover Earth, which opened Oct. 13, was organized by the Space Science Institute’s National Center for Interactive Learning, the American Library Association’s Public Programs Office, the Lunar and Planetary Institute and the After-school Alliance. The project was made possible through a grant from the National Science Foundation.

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Library Scenes



Happy participants in an adult craft class show off the pinecone swags they made Dec. 8 at the Savannah Branch.



Everyone was smiling Dec. 8 at the Belt Branch when Smudge the reading therapy dog came dressed up for the holidays.



Mike Flowers (left) listens Dec. 16 to Clayton Gilbertson during a program at the Belt Branch about Flowers' book on Gilbertson's service in the Vietnam War.

Library Director **Michelle Mears** (right) presents certificates of appreciation Dec. 16 to Belt Branch reference librarian **Rodney Combs** (left) and circulation assistant **Deb Barnhart** for their years of service to the library. Combs retired in December after 12 years with the library, and Barnhart moved to be closer to family.



For a lot more pictures of library events, visit www.facebook.com/RollingHillsConsolidatedLibrary.

Savannah Branch to offer snow globe crafts

Adults will have two chances to make winter wonderland snow globes in January at the Savannah Branch.

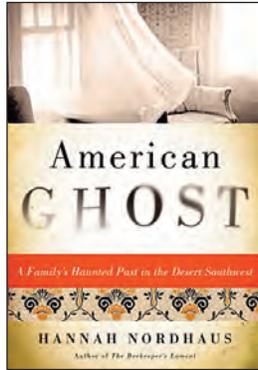
The craft programs will be offered at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, and a week later at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19. Advance registration is not required for the Jan. 12 program but it is needed for program on Jan. 19. Sign up in advance at <http://rhcl.libcal.com/calendar/events>. Teenagers may also take part in the Jan. 19 program.

Participants should bring a glass or clear plastic container such as a large wine glass, candy dish, terrarium or canning jar with a lid.

All other supplies will be provided, but participants can bring additional miniature winter items to work with.

Real-life ghost story haunts Santa Fe

In the ritzy La Posada de Santa Fe hotel in Santa Fe, N.M., there are tales of a ghostly figure gliding up and down the stairway from the second-floor bedroom to the hall below. Wearing a black gown and her white hair piled high, the ghost of **Julia Staab** mourns the death of her child for eternity.



Book Review

Or not.

Her mourning could be because her husband kept her chained to a radiator because he believed she was mad. Then again, her haunting might be because she drowned herself in the bathtub.

“American Ghost” by **Hannah Nordhaus** is one of those true history books that contain such far-fetched events that it reads more like fiction. Nordhaus grew up hearing

tales of her great-great grandmother’s restless spirit and the troubled life she lived as a young Jewish immigrant in an environment so unlike her homeland.

In what is more an excavation into her family’s amazing history than an actual ghost story, Nordhaus recounts the history surrounding Julia’s early life in Germany, her trek to America as **Abraham Staab’s** bride and her eventual decent into

the afterlife.

Even before her death, Julia seems little more than a ghost; there are no letters, no journals, nothing she might have touched, save the small part of La

Posada that she is rumored to haunt. Still, Nordhaus pieces together a telling of events that paints a picture of life for German Jewish immigrants in the Southwest.

Whether the hauntings are real or the workings of imagination, the story behind the ghost is very real. To discover the full truth, you might have to brave a night in her room at La Posada de Santa Fe. Or just read Nordhaus’ intriguing book.

– Gena Fisher

Belt Branch reference assistant

Bookmobile Schedule

Tuesday, Jan. 5

Avenue City School – 9-11 a.m.

Thursday, Jan. 7

Rushville – 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 8

Union Star Elementary School – 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Tuesdays, Jan. 12 & 26

Savannah – 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Cedar Tree Apartments

Wednesday, Jan. 13 & 27

Amazonia Elementary School – 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Friday, Jan. 15

Helena Elementary School – 8-11 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 16

Rosendale – 9-10:30 a.m.;

Bolckow – 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Fillmore – 2-3 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 20

Faucett Lions Club Building – 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.;

Easton – 2-3:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church

Friday, Jan. 22

Gower City Park – 2:30-5:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 25

Cosby – 3-5 p.m.

Visits may be canceled because of inclement weather.

Call 205-7100 to verify visits.

Dining Discounts

Use your Rolling Hills Library card to receive 10 percent discounts at Le Peep Restaurant and Lino’s Original Pizza in St. Joseph.

Books Revisited

The Friends of the Library’s new bookstore located next door to PepperJax Grill upstairs from the Belt Branch! Bigger space, more items!

Hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday

9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday

1-4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday

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January Calendar

General programs in Blue Senior programs in Red Children's programs in Green Teen programs in Orange Craft programs in Purple

1F LIBRARY CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY

2S

3S

EVENING CHESS & CHECKERS 6:30 Belt Upper Story

4M **BABYTIME** 10 a.m. Belt **TODDLER STORYTIME** 11 a.m. Belt **FAMILY MOVIE: BEE MOVIE** 2 p.m. Belt Upper Story

5T **TABLET TIPS COMPUTER CLASS** 3 p.m. Belt **TEEN ZONE** 5-7 p.m. Belt

6W **GLUTEN-FREE GROUP** 10 a.m. SV **STORYTIME** 10:30 a.m. Belt **SOCK SNOWMEN CRAFTS** 3:30 p.m. SV **TEEN ADVISORY GROUP** 4 p.m. SV

7T **SMARTPHONE CLASS** 3 p.m. Belt **FAMILY STORYTIME** 6:30 p.m. Belt

8F

9S **SECOND SATURDAY STOCK TALK** 10 a.m. Belt



FINANCIAL ADVICE
 Connie Rehm will discuss author Andy Tanner's four pillars of investing to succeed in today's stock market.

10S

11M **DROP-IN TECH HELP** 10 a.m.-noon SV **BABYTIME** 10 a.m. Belt **TODDLER STORYTIME** 11 a.m. Belt **K-5TH ADVENTURES** 4:30 p.m. Belt Upper Story

12T **ALZHEIMER'S GROUP** 9 a.m. Belt **SNOW GLOBE CRAFTS** 1:30 p.m. Belt **TAX-FREE INCOME SOURCES** 6 p.m. Belt **HOBBY HAPPENINGS** 6-8 p.m. Belt

13W **STORYTIME** 10:30 a.m. Belt **E-BOOKS CLASS** 3 p.m. Belt

ANIME CLUB 6:30 p.m. Belt

14T **PIPPY LONGSTOCKING PARTY** 3:30 p.m. SV **FROZEN SCIENCE** 4:30 p.m. Belt Upper Story **YOUTH WRITING CLUB** 4:30 p.m. Belt

15F

FAMILY STORYTIME 6:30 p.m. Belt

16S **FAMILY MOVIE: FERN GULLY** 10 a.m. Belt Upper Story

17S

18M LIBRARY CLOSED FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY

19T **ANNUITIES AS INVESTMENTS** 6 p.m. Belt **SNOW GLOBE CRAFTS** 6 p.m. SV

20W **GLUTEN-FREE GROUP** 10 a.m. SV **STORYTIME** 10:30 a.m. Belt and 11 a.m. SV **SUPER SPECIAL STORYTIME** 4:30 p.m. Belt Upper Story

21T **TEA TIME** 9:30 a.m. Belt **STORYTIME** 11 a.m. SV **SUPER COMPUTER CLASS** 3-5 p.m. Belt **1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN** 6:30 p.m. Belt

22F **ALL AGES CHESS CLUB** 3-5 p.m. Belt

23S

24S

25M **BABYTIME** 10 a.m. Belt **TODDLER STORYTIME** 11 a.m. Belt **K-5TH ADVENTURES** 4:30 p.m. Belt Upper Story

26T **WINDOWS 10 COMPUTER CLASS** 3 p.m. Belt

27W **STORYTIME** 10:30 a.m. Belt & 11 a.m. SV **ADULT READING GROUPS** Noon and 6:30 p.m. Belt **DIY ROLLING HILLS** 4:30 p.m. Belt

28T **STORYTIME** 11 a.m. SV **YOUTH WRITING CLUB** 4:30 p.m. Belt **1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN** 6 p.m. SV **ANIME CLUB** 6:30 p.m. Belt

29F **ALL AGES CHESS CLUB** 3-5 p.m. Belt

FAMILY STORYTIME 6:30 p.m. Belt

30S

31S

The Cake Lady

This delectable dessert from Barb Dalrymple are like those little towns you drive through on rural highways – don't blink or you'll miss them.

Disappearing Marshmallow Bars

½ cup butterscotch chips
¼ cup butter
¾ cup flour
1/3 cup brown sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
¼ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon vanilla extract
½ teaspoon burnt sugar flavoring
1 egg
1 cup miniature marshmallows
1 cup chocolate chips
1/3 cup chopped nuts

Mix butterscotch chips and butter in heavy saucepan, stirring continually. Cool. Add flour, brown sugar, baking powder, salt, flavorings and egg. Mix well. Fold in marshmallows, chocolate chips and nuts.

Spread into 9-inch square pan greased on the bottom & sides. Bake 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes. Don't overbake. Center will be "jiggly" but becomes firm with cooling.

Sip a cup of tea, learn about tea cultures

To celebrate National Hot Tea Month in January, **Shiang Johnson** of the store Simply Tea will discuss and display different teas from around the world in a Classy Seniors program at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, in the Belt Branch Upper Story.

Seniors (and anyone else regardless of age) will have the chance to sample a variety of teas as Johnson also shows how to properly brew tea.

Pippi, snowmen topics of Savannah programs

Kids can learn about Pippi Longstocking and make sock snowmen in two afterschool programs this month at the Savannah Branch.

Elementary school students and teenagers will make snowmen using socks and string at 3:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6. All supplies will be provided.

At 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, kids can hear about the pigtailed children's book heroine Pippi Longstocking and her escapades. They will create Swedish folk crafts and bake spiced pepparkakor cookies,

among other book related activities.

Advance registration is required for both of these programs. Sign up at <http://rhcl.libcal.com/calendar/events>.

Belt teens can plan their 2016 bucket lists

Teens can make the new year one to remember by creating a 2016 bucket list during the Teen Zone program at 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, at the Belt Branch.

Teens will compile lists of 365 things they want to do for the first time and discuss how to achieve those goals. They also will plan events for everyone to do together at the library.

Retirement planners will discuss strategies

Retirement planners **Dave Thompson** and **Heather Herring** will present two programs on retirement strategies in January at the Belt Branch.

They will discuss tax-free income strategies at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, and how annuities – including fixed-index annuities – can fit into retirement planning as a safe-money strategy at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19.

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